

The Avalanche.

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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill increasing the pensions of widows from \$8.00 to \$12.00 per month.

The *Alcon Co. Review* has again changed hands, and from the looks of the paper it has passed into the hands of a printer, as it is clean and readable, which has not been the case for some time. We trust that the new proprietor will meet that encouragement that the paper deserves.

Gov. Alger is the only governor who has a staff composed entirely of veterans. All but one of them were wounded in the service of the republic. The governor, being bound to preserve proper military uniformity, Major Osmon has been detailed to wound the other fellow at once.—*San. Republican.*

The *Osage Independent* says: "The Independent at one time was a 'little blotted' with printers' ink, but, thank God, its columns are no longer 'blotted' with vulgar and obscene language. If anyone likes to read literature of that character, they can do so by reading the Herald."

There is no necessity for printing either a blotted paper, or an obscene one. One requires skill and the other decency in its preparation.

E. F. Loud, the Osage merchant, announces in the last Lakeside Monitor that all workmen holding time or having outlived book accounts against the old firm of Loud & Co., can now get the same paid at face value by calling and presenting the same at his store. He desires to square up all these old accounts soon as possible.—*ALCONA Co. REVIEW.*

The *Free Lake Press* says: "The Detroit Free Press is certainly abroad in the world. A lithograph has just been issued from that office showing its mail wagon loaded with sacks labeled for each state and territory and giving circulation in each. The circulation in each. The circulation in each." This is the worst case of each we have heard of for some time.

The *Free Press* has forced Cleveland to a virtual confession of the absurdity of his civil service reform pretensions. His refusal to submit to the removal of George M. Dustin, United States district attorney for the southern district of Alabama, places him upon record as unwilling to let the public know the causes for such removal. The "reform" president's vaunted professions have been stripped and the humbug in them neatly laid bare.—*Detroit Tribune.*

We clip the following extracts from the *Osage Co. Herald* and the *Northwestern Mail*, and our readers can draw their own inferences:

"Oh, no, he wouldn't do it for \$50, but he offered to do for \$20, then accepted \$12, but kicked on that, then put in a bill for \$80, supposing that no one would bid against him; and because they did, and he got scooped, he squeals like a stuck hog. Thou art a fount of strife, and discontent lurks in thy secret parts. Begone from my presence, perdition man! I am my wrath belch forth and consume thee like fire."

"It is the nature of an Ass to kick at his betters. He seldom kicks at his own kind. The wise man never grumbles if he is only kicked at by the animal. His kicking should not be encouraged, therefore by a wait from the unhurt."

How 3 Cents Brought \$40.00.

And will often do it again. A reader tells how the advice got about selling his grain, in one number of the *Prairie Farmer*, which cost him only 3 cts., and saved him over \$40. Many others tell of similar and larger gains in the same way. No other journal in the country has been more uniformly correct in its advice to farmers about markets, future prices, etc., than the *Prairie Farmer*, since it came under the management of ORANGE JUDS, who is, by the way, one of the oldest Agricultural Editors in the United States, and is entirely at home in everything pertaining to soil culture in all its branches, and in all that relates to out-door Rural and Farm Life, also to in-door life in the Country, Village or City. No Journal has a better Housekeeping Department. The *Prairie Farmer* is now an "A 1" Journal, full of GOOD THINGS, plain, practical, RELIABLE, is very finely illustrated in short, is just what is needed in every home, and IT WILL PAY. Though beautifully got up, and issued Every Week, the price is reduced to \$1.50 a year, or less than 3 cts. a week. Send for it now, as the New Volume (Vol. 50) for 1886, is just beginning. You will thank us for advising you to do so. If not satisfied to take the paper on our advice, send for Specimen Copy and see for yourselves. Address: *PAIRIE FARMER, Chicago, Ill.*

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, '86.

ED. AVALANCHE.—Among prominent happenings of the week at the Capital may be mentioned:—Discussions in Congress on Pensions, Silver money, and the Electoral Count bill; the interesting controversy between the President and republican Senators; and three different conventions. One of these was in behalf of improving the Mississippi river and other western water ways, another was by the National Board of Trade, and the third was held by the silver men from different parts of the country.

Senator Sherman, President of the Senate, made a notable speech to the effect that after nearly a hundred years it still remains an unsolved problem as to how the Electoral vote shall be counted. He argued that where the two Houses cannot agree on any question affecting the count, they shall meet and vote in joint convention. His plan was endorsed by Senator Edwards and Horner. The latter gentleman held that Mr. Sherman's plan was for settling Constitutional disputes on the basis of the biggest bias. The debate was unusually interesting, and was made more so from the fact that the Speakers were all possible Presidential candidates. Each was on his mettle and at his best. The Senate was full and attentive. It was a critical court of able, subtle lawyers, and a large audience in the galleries also stimulated effort.

Some extraordinary Pension schemes have been introduced into the present Congress. One has just been brought forward in the House that "exceeds in extravagance anything yet proposed." It grants pensions to every soldier and sailor of the Mexican war, and to every soldier and sailor of the war of the rebellion who served even fourteen days in the Army or Navy. It gives pensions also to the widows of such soldiers or sailors, provided they have not married again. Their life raises certain pensions to the maximum of \$24 per month, prescribes that every \$8 pension now paid to widows and minors shall be raised to \$12, and finally it dates all the civil war pensions back to the death or discharge.

The attitude of the President and Senate to each other has not changed in the past few days. A political debate is expected in the Senate soon, however, over a resolution that Senator Edwards expects to offer in open session, calling on the President to furnish information and give his reasons for the removal of certain officials. Both democratic and republican Senators are making ready for this prospective fray.

There are some democratic Senators who hope that the President will refuse to submit to the Senate papers on file respecting his nominations. The anxiety arises more from personal embarrassment, which the publication of such documents would cause them, than from a desire to maintain Executive dignity. Such papers would disclose the fact that some Senators have, while professing an active interest in behalf of one applicant, diligently pressed another for the place sought. So long as these papers remain buried in the files of Departments, office seekers will remain in ignorance of the deception practiced upon them.

Most of the democrats concede that the Senate has a right to ask for information relating to appointments, but they hold that any papers containing charges against incumbents who have been removed cannot be properly called for. Yet all through the campaign they said, "turn on the light and turn the rascals out." The republicans hold that if dismissed officials had charges brought against them, their personal and party friends have a right to know what they were for the "Reform Administration" said: no one should be removed "except for cause."

Sensors refuse to abandon their secret session. Gen. Logan tested this question fully a few days since. He proposed that all executive business be considered with open doors; hereafter, introducing a resolution to that effect. He held that the people had as good a right to know what was said and done in the Senate in regard to nominations as in regard to legislation; that they were equally interested in both. He said that while he never violated the injunction of secrecy, he was willing to have everything he said or did in executive session published to the whole world.

There was a great deal of consternation at this attack upon an ancient precedent, and loud protests were heard from both sides of the Chamber. Only one Senator, Van Wyck of Nebraska, supported Gen. Logan, and he withdrew his resolution, finding there was no hope for it.

Patents Granted.

Patents granted to citizens of Michigan on Jan. 12, 1886, and reported expressly for the AVALANCHE by C. A. Snow & Co. Patent lawyers, Opp. U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C. E. Beach, Flint, Running gear for vehicles.
J. T. Greenwood, Kalamazoo, Furnace heating attachment.
S. Hackett, Branson, Corn planter.
F. Hyde, Detroit, Cylinder box cover.
D. L. Kewler, Grand Rapids, Sewing Machine.
W. P. McKenna, Detroit, Sectional sign.
J. L. Shaw, Grand Rapids, Water gun.
T. J. Venema, Grand Rapids, Mixed paint.

Century Magazine.

We have received the Century for February, and the publishers respectfully call attention to the fact that in the contents of the "mid-winter" CENTURY may be found a remarkable variety of subjects of public moment; and an equally remarkable list of names associated with the history, literature, and art of America.

A peculiar interest attaches to General Grant's "Preparing for the Wilderness Campaign." Here he is dealing with his plans for the last grand campaign, extending from the James round to Nashville, Atlanta, and the sea, and which gave the Confederacy the death hug.—His method is vivid and anecdotal, and as outspoken regarding the personal aids and drawbacks of his officers as the physical difficulties to be overcome. A fac-simile of Lincoln's "God-speed" letter to Grant, written a few days before the Wilderness battle, accompanies the article; also a characteristic anecdote of Grant during the battle, by Charles Carleton Coffin, who observed the incident described.

"Anecdotes of McClellan's Bravery," by one of his officers who was a companion in arms as far back as the Mexican war, lends additional interest to the war-time portrait of McClellan, which is the front-piece of the number. Under the heading title, "Our March against Pope," General Longstreet gives the Confederate view of the Second Bull Run campaign, with some caustic criticisms and amusing anecdotes. In "Memoranda of the Civil War," General William F. Smith and others offer "Comments on General Grant's Chattanooga," and General Erasmus D. Keyes describes the services of "The Rear Guard after Malvern Hill."

"Antoine Louis Barye," the French sculptor, is the subject of the opening illustrated article, by Henry Eckford, who gives a thoughtful study of the man and his art, as well as anecdote and information.

In fiction there are the opening chapters of Mr. Howell's new story, "The Minister's Charge," the minister being the Rev. Mr. Sewall, whose acquaintance was made in "The Rise of Silas Tappan," and the hero a country youth who goes to Boston in search of a literary career, and is unprepared to find that the town is full of literary lions.

The front part of Mrs. Mary Halleck Foster's story of Western life, "John Bodewin's Testimony," deals with the meshes of a tragedy and abounds in character sketches. The short stories of the number are the first part of a new series, "The Barrowed Month," by Frank R. Stockton, and a dialect sketch of Georgian life, "An Unfortunate Creature," by Mai Crim. Price, \$3.50 per year. Subscriptions received at this office.

The American Agriculturist.

For February, 1886, comes to us with an announcement, that a brilliant galaxy of writers, not strictly agricultural, are to contribute to its columns during the year. Among the number are Donald G. Mitchell (the Marvel), H. H. Stoddard, the poet writer, James Parton, the biographer of Jackson and Jefferson, Julian Hawthorne, George Parsons Lathrop, Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott and Rev. Dr. Buckley, to be followed by other eminent writers. These writers are to contribute a series of papers upon the Farmer-Principles of the United States, and it is stated as an interesting fact, that nearly every one of our Presidents have followed agricultural pursuits at one time and another in their lives. These papers on the Farmer-Principles are to be accompanied with engravings, twelve by eighteen inches in size, illustrating the farm surroundings and associations of our Presidents. The first paper will be by James Parton. The February number likewise announces that Mr. A. B. Allen, who founded the paper nearly fifty years ago, and was its Editor for fifteen or twenty years, is now to contribute a series of articles to its columns. The February issue contains over one hundred original articles, and seventy-four original full page and smaller engravings. Price, \$1.50 per year, single copies, 15 cts. Address: *American Agriculturist, 751 Broadway, New York.*

The Art Amateur.

For February contains a double page design of bird and flowers for plaque-decoration; another page of Edith Scannell's attractive outline figure sketches, a panel design of fruit for response brass work, a mirror frame design (poppies), a cup and saucer design (chickweed), a page of monograms in J, an embroidery design of roses for a cushion, and two full page drapery and figure designs—"An Algerian Woman," by P. M. Boyle, and a "Woman with Cherries," by A. Marie. The front-piece is a view of a remarkable old fire-place in carved and painted stone, and there is a great variety of directions and illustrations for home decoration. Flower painting in oils receives special attention, and no young artist should miss perusing the "Talk with Amanda" on composition, the third of the series of popular articles on difficult art topics. The various minor departments are especially full of interesting and practical reading for art lovers. Price 35 cents a number, or \$3.00 per year in connection with the AVALANCHE. Subscriptions received at this office.

The senate on Monday discussed the electoral count bill, without reaching a vote.

Godley's Lady's Book.

For February appears to-day in a bright and attractive mid-winter costume. The steel engraved frontispiece of "My Lady Bountiful" is a charming snow scene wherein the frosty beauties of Nature are offset by the graceful figure of a young girl scattering crumbs for the birds who are devouring their breakfast with great relish. This is one of the prettiest plates which Godley's has ever furnished its subscribers, and has a striking appropriateness to the date of this issue. An unusually handsome colored work pattern accompanies the Book this month, besides the usual quota of fashions in colors and in black and white, music, an architectural design, etc., etc. A new serial entitled "In Her Own Right" begins in this issue. It is a clever sketch of a humble life with a number of good characters. Helen Matlier's "Love Lies A-Bedding" draws near to a close, and we are promised a bright new novel about April. Max Vande Weyde, the author of the "Phillips" articles, has something to say the month about brass-beating or reposing work, and there are a number of readable short stories such as "A Woman's Wit" by Bertha A. Zedi Winkler, "Seven Times Two" by M. A. B. "What Happened at St. Jarlett's" by Hale, etc., etc., besides some graceful verses and the usual quantity of interesting matter relative to fashions, fancies, work, dressmaking, housekeeping, cooking, etc., with notes on science, fairy-tales and books. GODLEY'S LADY'S BOOK has never looked better than it is looking to-day, has never given more general satisfaction, and never merited more truly the patronage of the public. Those who have not subscribed for it already should do so at once. It is not too late to begin your subscription with the January number. See that you have the Book for 1886 and secure the premium steel engraving "Sympathy." It is a work of art and alone worth the price of subscription.

A lady stepped into the sanctum and said sweetly, "Will you be kind enough to let me look at the CHRISTIAN AT WORK?" The editor blushed a little, but had the presence of mind to say: "Certainly, madam; what shall I do for you.—EX."

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Dated this 24th day of January, A. D. 1886.

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